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Allison, James A., Mansion (IND-68) ("Riverdale," now

Structure Marian College Library)

3200 Coldspring Rd. Reinforced concrete with brick veneer, carved stone trim, two-and-a-half stories with basement, hipped roof, luxurious interior features carved mahogany woodwork, marble mantels, and parquet floors, wall finishes are leather, silk, and velour, rooms originally included conservatory with pipe organ, aviary with stained-glass roof, and heated swimming pool. Built 1911-14; H. L. Bass, architect. James Allison manufactur-

ed the first efficient automobile headlight and was a founder of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. 1 ext. photo (1970), 1 ext. photo (ca. 1916), 10 int. photos (ca. 1916); 6 data pages (1977); HABSI form (1963). NR

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